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*Students reviving radio's past***KBUL: UNO's Future Radio**

BY SAVONDA NICOLE JOHNSON

Amid controversies of the past, present and future has emerged an idealistic group of students looking to change the past and move on with the future — UNO radio's future.

Joe Hammon, a broadcasting journalism major, started a petition to get a university radio station back on campus.

"The radio station will be in the Student Center, between the convenient shop and the Student Organization Leadership Development (SOLD) Office," Hammon said in a Wednesday afternoon telephone interview.

Since controversies surrounded the old campus radio station, KBLZ, which was taken off the air in February 1995, the new radio station Hammon and other supporters would like to create would be named KBUL, instead.

"This would be a great way for students to hear about things happening on campus," Hammon said. "The radio station would support campus organizations, as well as encourage the student body to go to some of the athletic events."

Dr. Chris Allen, an instructor for the communication department, would be the faculty advisor of the radio station. "We are still in the early stages," Allen said. "We want to make sure those problems that the university had with KBLZ will not happen."

In addition to a faculty advisor, KBUL would be monitored by a board of directors.

Funding for a campus radio station, Hammon said, would not come from student fees. "We would like it to be an independent organization. We are going to have benefit concerts set up at the Ranch Bowl."

Hammon and his group of supporters want to start up KBUL in the fall.

Guy Conway, director of the Milo Bail Student Center, expressed his opinion about the future of KBUL Wednesday afternoon. "I have met with Joe Hammon, I am waiting for his proposal to respond."

However, if the students' attempts at starting to broadcast KBUL will be successful, Conway also has a few other ideas of his own.

According to Hammon, "When I met with Guy Conway on Jan. 27, he basically said he wouldn't want anything that was in the same format as KBLZ."

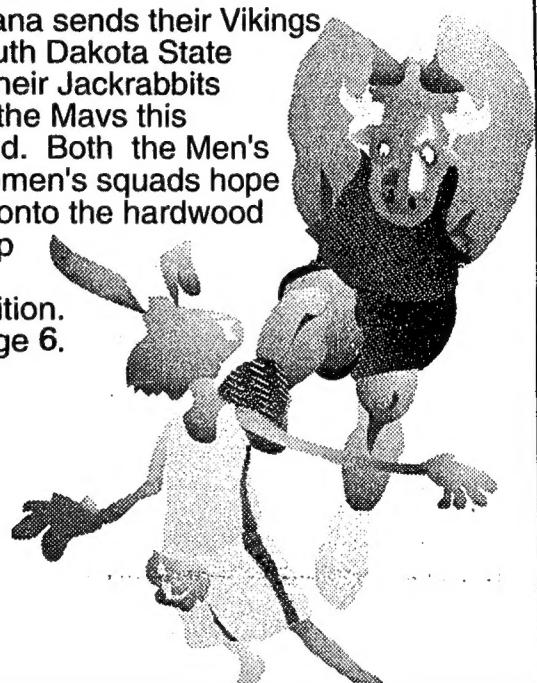
"I would hope to have KBUL broadcasting by the fall. It would play in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building and MBSC. We would then like to purchase a transmitter about three years later if we have the funding," Hammon said.

Hammon is filing for organization status now. He hopes to have the paperwork finished by the end of the semester.

Students seeking a format similar to KBLZ's old one will find themselves disappointed because Hammon said he has expressed interest in a top 40's format. "I would like to see a lunch hour show, too."

*That's all,***FOLKS!**

Augustana sends their Vikings and South Dakota State sends their Jackrabbits to face the Mavs this weekend. Both the Men's and Women's squads hope to step onto the hardwood and step on the competition. See page 6.

**Sign Company Seeking Smiles**

BY AMY OTTERSON

Mysterious billboards going up around town are an indication that someone cares and wants the state of Nebraska to know it.

Cheerful messages are greeting drivers in the Omaha and Lincoln area via billboard advertisements, with no attribution, and no one attempting to make money.

Imperial Outdoor Advertising has been laminating some of their own 180 billboards with messages of happiness and caring as a gesture of kindness and goodwill.

"Rather than leave the boards blank when they are not being rented, we decided that it would be a good idea to fill the space with positive messages," said Dick Deitering, Imperial's general manager.

The trend in outdoor advertising has moved to flex-face, which is a printed or painted message on a vinyl sheet. Those sheets are then wrapped around the board for a leased time. This technique enables advertisers to place and remove signs much faster, leaving empty space for longer periods. Because each board location is rented for a 60-day period, a board may be left open for days or even weeks.

The availability has given way to Imperial's happy thoughts. Messages saying, "Smile, Pass it on," "Gratitude is Attitude," and "Practice Random Kindness" stay permanently on the boards under the advertisements. When paid ad's time runs out, the happy ad is left revealed.



Signs such as this one have been popping up all around Omaha. A wealthy philanthropic donor isn't the source of the signs, however -- they are happy fillers compliments of Imperial Outdoor Advertising.

Road Kill on Info. Superhighway

BY JIM REJDA

The information super highway is congested at some of its intersections. Every day, new Internet users are finding their way to a computer. The demand for access is so high that the largest Internet provider in the United States, America Online Inc. (AOL), which serves over eight million people, has been jam-packed with busy consumers.

AOL recently offered a flat monthly Internet access fee for unlimited time. The number of consumers began to far outweigh the output capabilities of the company. Connecting to the Internet through AOL was hampered by the large number of new customers. Many have only been able to connect to busy signals, major time delays and frustrations.

Several class-action suits were filed against the on-line company. AOL has agreed to suspend the new unlimited access advertising campaign and spend an additional \$100 million expanding its capabilities to serve larger numbers of subscribers. AOL also said it will keep its member base at eight million until the expansions are finished.

The on-line company has offered a refund to any customers who were not able to use the service due to the overflow. The refund payment scale is: less than two hours on-line receive \$39.90, two to eight hours receive \$20.00, eight to 15 hours receive \$10.00. There is no refund if a consumer used over fifteen hours because ample service was provided.

"We want to give our members a fair deal. The fact that our members complained so loudly says they don't think there's a replacement product," the president of AOL said in an article in *The Wall Street Journal*.

"America Online is just taking in too many people," said Robert Fulkerson, instructor of computer science at UNO, and vice president of Novia Internetworking, a local service provider. "They didn't expect the growth they had. In the last three

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The Pains and Progress of UNO's International Students

BY RENÉE NOVY

While walking around on campus, whether it's first thing in the morning, groggy from lack of caffeine, or whether it's during that mad rush out of the parking lot into the traffic jam at the end of the day, we're missing something.

We see the Bell Tower, the Student Center and sometimes, even the buildings in which our classes are housed, if we don't mentally shut these landmarks out simply because we know they're there. Through the middle of everything flows a mélange of faces, mostly unrecognizable except for that now and then breakthrough of someone familiar—the face of a friend, or another student with whom we'd like to be friends.

But how often do we recognize students visiting us from another culture?

UNO regularly hosts over 400 students who represent 66 different countries in the four different programs tailored to help international students learn firsthand about our country and our culture.

Each and every one of these students undertakes a hard journey in the process of acclimating to their new surroundings.

Adjustment: Some of the Pains...

Lori Arias, an international programs advisor, feels the biggest problems for many incoming international students is orienting themselves with the city and campus, using the English language full-time, adjustment to food and climate, and of course, the inevitable culture shock.

"For many students, this is the first time they've been away from home, so on top of everything else, they're missing their families," Arias said.

"Also, the fact that they know they'll be away from home for a long time can contribute to feelings of isolation. Some students only come to study for four months, others come for five years," she explained.

Arias said that the investment these students make is profound—expensive both in terms of money and sacrifice. So, many students are not able to return home as often as they'd like.

These factors often exacerbate symptoms of culture shock.

...and progress...

"I think we have pretty solid orientation programs," Arias said of all three intensive language programs housed under the Office of International Studies and Programs: the Intensive Language Program (ILUNO), International Professional Development (IPD), and the Japanese Studies Exchange Program.

"We have four student advisors that assist with all students in all programs," she continued.

In ILUNO specifically, the office picks international students up from the airport when they first arrive, helps them with housing, banking, finding things to see throughout Omaha, and matches groups of students with American conversation partners.

"Speaking from my experience here at ILUNO, I find that most students are anxious to make American friends quickly, and friendship doesn't always happen as quickly as they'd like," Arias said.

Conversation partners volunteer to meet with a small group of international students for about two hours a week for eight weeks, Arias said. Partners practice English skills with one another, and sometimes take part in various other activities—shopping, traveling, playing sports, whatever.

"Conversation partners make a big commitment to be there for students, and it's hard to do that when you are as busy as most UNO students are," Arias said. "I have talked to other larger universities around the United States, especially those with dorms and I've asked if it's easier to match international students with Americans there."

"It's not easy anywhere. Still, both the international student and the American stand to learn a lot about one another—the places we live in, our families, our culture..." Arias stressed.

"They're [the international students] so appreciative. That's the real reward of working with and meeting these interesting people," Arias said.

"We have students who do have difficulties with the language as well as students who are quite fluent and are just looking to sharpen their skills in English for business dealings back



Masa Nishina (left) and Chiaka Nakamo are two of UNO's many current international students.

—Ana Menzalde

home," Arias explained.

Many international students' expectations of what America will be like find perspectives into American life that differ from what they previously believed.

"As far as fashion goes, it feels like Americans don't have much style," said Masa Nishina, a sophomore from Japan.

"But American students seem very friendly outside of school, but at school, everyone seems to keep to themselves," Nishina continued.

She also said that she is glad whenever American students stop to say hello.

"I think that [many international students] come with the expectation that people are like they are in the movies to some extent—movies can influence what notions are held about us," Arias offered.

"For instance, when students stay with host families, it's hard for them to believe that Americans are so busy, and not to take this fact personally," Arias added.

Coming to terms with the many differences between our cultures helps alleviate culture shock and aids assimilation to the ways of the culture we've decided to visit without losing sight of who we are.

Contrary to popular belief, not many students come here looking to discard their own cultural beliefs, Arias maintains.

"Occasionally we'll find someone who's thrown out their culture for the new one around them. You hear about it a lot, but I don't see it very often.

"Most of the conflict in adjusting to new cultures comes from people holding on to their own values," Arias concluded.

UNO Forensics Team Continues Success

BY JIM HEALEY

The UNO Forensics team dispelled the idea that there is strength in numbers last Saturday.

On their way to finishing third at the Concordia College Tournament, UNO's comparatively small five member team qualified four of its members for the National Tournament in Arlington, Texas this April, according to Paula Hazelrigg, director of the forensics team.

Twelve colleges and universities attended the Concordia Tournament in Seward, Neb., competing in 11 categories. UNO placed third in the overall sweepstakes behind the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and first place Kansas State, the release continued.

Award winners mentioned were:

— Senior Vivian Valdez placed fifth in poetry interpretation and qualified for national competition with fourth place in duo interpretation with partner, junior Dave Jackson.

— Solo awards for Jackson included second in interpretation of prose and first in poetry interpretation.

Sophomore Christine Mixan's efforts earned her second place and national qualification for program oral interpretation.

First place honors in informative speaking, as well as national qualifications, went to freshman Stephen Croucher. He also claimed fifth in persuasive speaking.

Joni Dick, a first year speaker, added a seventh place finish in informative speaking.

"It's amazing to come in here with five people and place so high", said Jackson, who also earned the first place individual events speaker award.

Jackson continued, "It really reinforces the team concept when you are outnumbered like we are. It makes winning more exciting because you know you all had a part in it. Every member is so important."

Forensics Director Paula Hazelrigg and Assistant Coach Julie McKnight will continue preparations for the national tournament-bound team.

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or four years they have tripled their number of customers."

Fulkerson said a solution to the busy signal could be subscribing to a local Internet provider. Local providers offer customer oriented service and have memberships from 2,000 to 5,000 people. Fulkerson's employer, Novia Internetworking, services more than 2,000 people in Omaha and the surrounding area. He said many of his customers have come from larger national providers.

Internet service is quickly becoming customer oriented.

"You log on to the Internet and buy things. It used to be driven by research, but now people are going to be buying more and more things on-line," Fulkerson said. "It's essentially the interactive TV that never happened."

Those interested in finding out more about local service providers can go to the Eppley Administration Building to room 110 and pick up a brochure highlighting their services. There are thirteen companies listed each having its own service stipulations and pricing.

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Denise tackles

Past Sexual Partners and College Motives

BY DENISE GIAMELLE

Dear Denise,
My girlfriend told me the other day how many sex partners she has had and, to tell you the truth, I was surprised that she had so many more than me (she's had eight and I've had three—counting each other). How much should I let this bother me? I'm not really that concerned if I'm better than them in the sack or anything, but the number just kind of bothers me (because it's so much larger than I was ready for). Thanks for your help.

Number Eight

Dear Number Eight,
The first thing I remind myself before I ask somebody a big question that will affect me is, "If you don't want to know the answer, don't ask the question."

It is a little too late for that now, but you might want to keep it in mind. So, your question is how much should it bother you. Only you can answer that one, Number Eight: Relationships are a series of compromises—what you can live with and what you cannot. Look at this in different ways. You both have prior experience. Does how much experience matter? If it matters to you, then it matters to you. There is nothing you can do to change that fact. Is it going to eat away at you until you cannot stand it anymore? Or will you be able to let it go. You need to think about the rest of the relationship to see if the good outweighs the bad.

rest of the relationship to see if the good outweighs the bad. With the danger of AIDS, it is good that you were honest with each other about your past relationships. Why don't you talk to her calmly? Tell her you were a little stunned by the number. You might just need to talk about it a little more.

You say you are not really concerned if you are better than the others or not. You would not have mentioned it if the question had not at least crossed your mind. You should not have to feel the need to compete with past men. Love is not a contest. Tell your girlfriend how you feel. I cannot stress enough the need for honest communication in a relationship.

You owe honesty to each other and yourselves.

So, Number Eight, it all boils down to what you decide you can deal with. You might not know the answer to that right away. If you decide she is worth the time it takes for you to work this out, talk to her and give it some time.

Dear Denise,

Even though I don't skip too many classes and my GPA is a little above average, I confess that I'm not here because I want to. I'm here because my family expects it of me. I'm not some 18-year-old still living at home with mommy and daddy. I'm 25 now, but I just don't feel like this is the place for me. What do you think? Should I keep plugging away?

Clueless

Dear Clueless.

Dear Charles,
People with college degrees usually earn more money than people without college degrees. That is just the way it is, like it or not.

I quit college after my first semester when I was 18 years old. I did not go back to finish my degree until I was 27. Now here I am, at 41, working on another bachelor's degree. It is never too late to go back to school. So, if you decide to quit for a while, you can return at any time. (I also find the older I get, the easier school gets.)

You didn't say how close you are to graduation. If you are within one or two years, I would encourage you to stay and finish. Of course, if you are really miserable, you won't get anything out of school.

You also didn't say what kind of job you currently have, or what you would do if you quit school. Reading your letter, I remember working (before my degree) for 40 hours and getting a paycheck equal to what my husband, a college graduate, was paid in a day. That certainly brought the lesson home for me.

If you feel like you lack direction, you are not alone. My big question was always what will I be after I get the degree? It would be so much simpler if a degree came with a job title. A graduate could say, "I am now a ____," and get a job doing that. The good news is, any degree is better than no degree.

when trying to get hired and on payday.

So, Clueless, of course it is up to you. I hope this was some food for thought. Why don't you wander over to Student Services in the Eppley Administration Building? If you have a more specific question and don't want to go there, write back to me. I'd be happy to go ask them a question for you. Good Luck.

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Real Football Hero Overshadowed By Hero-Gone-Bad O.J. Simpson

Isn't it ironic that on Tuesday night, as President Bill Clinton was presenting his State of the Union speech he was upstaged by O.J. Simpson? Even as Clinton called for a future of harmony and positive relations for all citizens, the results of Simpson's civil trial scrolled across the bottoms of our television screens.



The contrast between the two could not have been greater. Our leader called for harmony and growth, our fallen hero was being held accountable for his actions which have further divided and emphasized our differences.

When asked about the

outcome, one student said, "It doesn't affect me." But does it?

With all the attention focused on the drama of one former football player who turned his skill on the field into a lucrative career, it is easy to lose sight of what difference this has made in our society.

People are discussing racial issues and wondering if we as a people have been set back by the question of race impacting the outcome of both the criminal and civil Simpson trials.

While I was pondering what the result of this decision might be, my attention was captured by another public figure. The face and the voice on my television screen were that of another black former football player. This one played football at the University of Oklahoma.

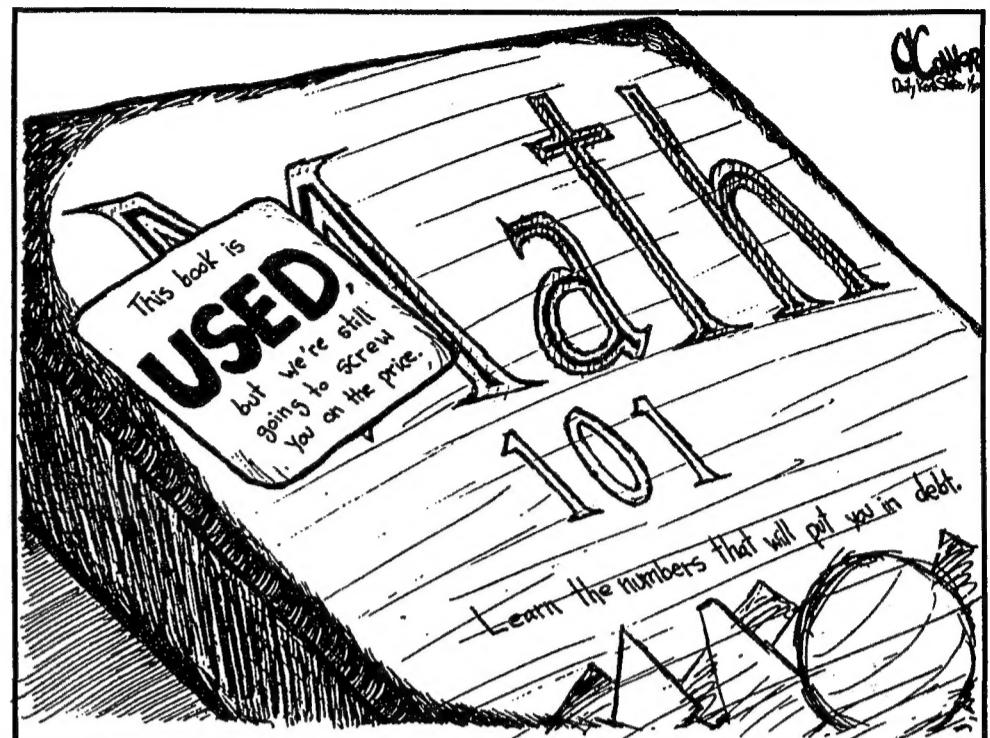
J.C. Watts Jr. presented the Republican Party's response to the State of the Union address. His voice, manner and words held my attention as he gave a vision of unity and growth for our country.

Watts is the first black elected to statewide office in the history of Oklahoma. Unlike Simpson, he has not turned his back on his community. His speech was a call to the best in each of us, and I could not help but consider the contrast of these two lives.

Simpson has shone a light on himself, his trophies, his actions. Watts shines a light on our future, by calling for the best in us.

In representing the republican viewpoint, Watts is a display of hope for a future that provides unity and growth for our country.

Maybe we cannot expect our legal system, our media, or even our government to



bring people closer together and healing to a troubled world. Maybe we need to listen to the words Watts spoke and act on them.

Watts told the story of a man whose child kept interrupting him as he worked. He gave the child things to do to keep him occupied. Finally, the man remembered seeing a picture of the world in a magazine and thought he could keep his young son busy a long time using that picture. The father tore the picture of the world into little pieces and asked his son to put it back together.

When his son returned with the taped together picture five minutes later, the father was amazed. He asked his son how he was able to put it together so quickly.

His son replied that it was simple. On the back of the picture of the world was a picture of a man.

He said, "Once I put the man back together, the world was whole."

Maybe that story illustrates the task ahead of us. If we start with each person, each one whole and making a difference in our world, then our world can be healed.

"We must deal with the heart of man," Watts said. "We must all accept our share of the responsibility. We must make our mark."

<http://www.gateway.unomaha.edu> America the Beautiful...Sans OJ Coverage

I couldn't wait Tuesday evening. I had been anticipating this particular event on television for a couple of weeks and now it was here.

No, not the State of the Union address, the Indiana vs. Iowa basketball game on ESPN.

I happen to be a huge Hoosier fan, and the team was on a two-game losing skid. I was "guaranteeing" a victory to all in my household, since I had trouble remembering the last time Indiana lost three straight conference games.

At the same time the Hoosiers were battling the Hawkeyes in Iowa City, there was also a Star Wars special on Fox. I programmed the VCR to record the show, and sat, beverage in hand, anxiously awaiting the first Bobby Knight explosion (it happened).

Every other channel, including the Home and Garden Channel, the Food Channel, the Golf Channel, etc. was showing President Clinton's address to Congress (maybe I over-exaggerated the channels, but it sure seemed that way).

The irony of the whole situation was that minutes before tip-off of the basketball game and the beginning of the Star Wars special, the civil trial of O.J. Simpson was breaking in. The jury had finished their deliberation and had made a decision regarding the wrongful death suits blah, blah, blah. You know the story.

Now, the problem I have is this: Why were the networks even considering running the verdict of the Simpson civil trial in place of the State of the Union? I realize that I wasn't even going to watch Clinton's speech (same malarkey he has spewed for years), but obviously those who voted for

the man enjoy viewing his hypnotic, trance-like verses.

I have to admit, he is a very convincing orator. He reminds me of a used car salesman. A lemon is a lemon, but Clinton somehow makes those car buyers believe it is a peach (well, it's round, it's a piece of fruit, what's the difference?). Leaves a bitter taste in your mouth, doesn't it? Regardless of my perception of the president, there should be no hesitation to show his address.

So, I'm watching ABC now, flipping between breaks in the basketball game, to see what is going on. Peter Jennings is talking about how

he wasn't sure if the network was going to televise the Simpson case decision, or run a crawl across the bottom of the screen during Clinton's speech. Huh? This makes no sense at all. Finally, Jennings gets word from his director that ABC will televise the State of the Union. Good move.

This gets me to think, what has our society become? Since when does the insignificant civil trial of one man overtake the lives of the nation? O.J. Simpson does not affect our gross national product nor does he make decisions on foreign affairs. Our society, however, has become too warped to understand the significance of essential life. Furthermore, the downpour of ridiculous talk shows that daily deal with Simpson have become unbearable. Geraldo Rivera will probably be out of a job now that this is all over. CNN has saturated the airwaves with their shows also.

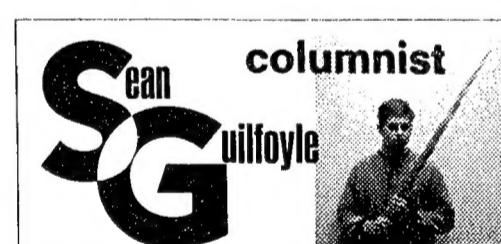
Maybe that's just the human psyche. I can't say I haven't watched the O.J. saga, but sometimes a line needs to be drawn. People are more preoccupied and interested in the demise and troubles of others, perhaps hoping to take their

mind off their own problems. That could be why Clinton is in the White House to begin with. People don't pay attention to what is going on. They tune into the liberal news media

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the few weeks before the election, then mark their ballots on election day.

Well, Clinton is still in the White House for another four years, O.J. is going to be writing checks his body can't cash (probably from some exotic island—he is an innocent man, after all), and Indiana lost to Iowa. On top of everything else, I got an hour of O.J. coverage recorded instead of the Star Wars special which was pre-empted. America the beautiful? Depends on how you look at it.

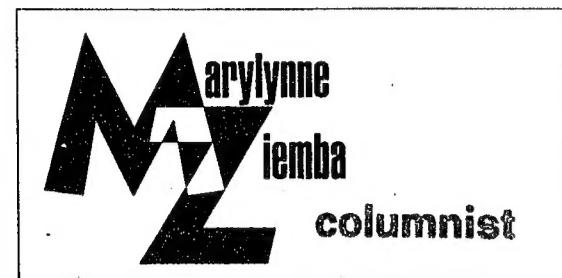


Yes, it's True: We're Dressing Brady

Last night when I was watching TV, it dawned on me: We're dressing Brady.

Ok, I confess, I was watching "The Brady Bunch" when I realized that what we swore we'd never do, what we ridiculed and laughed at all throughout our childhood has happened to us...we look like a bunch of Greg and Marsha wannabes.

Now I'm not saying that the Cindy Brady ringlets ("On the good ship, lolly-pop!") or the Crystal Gale cut-that-damn-nappy-hair 'do is in style...get real. But I think we have lost



sight of what is important and what is insane.

Someone call the fashion police, I've seen them and they are back — the knee-high hooker boots with 4-inch heels need to be confiscated. Go directly to the mall and do not collect \$200 when you pass Go.

But maybe I am overreacting, I tried to reassure myself. Maybe it's not *that* bad.

Flipping through the other TV stations, what did I see? Some no-name late night talk show host wearing a lime green shirt with...a *butterfly collar!* Good Lord, man — what is wrong with you?

All the nauseous plaids, offensive stripes, and orange hues the Bradys were styling throughout their episodes have jumped off the TV screen and into our closets. What's next? The retro-WKRP Herb Tarlek clothes line, complete with the white leather (plastic?) belt and matching shoes? Give me a break.

Settling back into my Brady episode (you know, the one where Cindy sneaks and reads Marsha's diary, so Marsha writes that a talent scout is coming to see Cindy in her diary to teach Cindy a lesson for snooping?) all it took was Mrs. Brady to get me going again.

The red pantsuit with a drawstring tie around the waist she was wearing was an identical match to what I saw someone wear on *Melrose Place* Monday night.

OK, sometimes we find something fashionable we like or a new trend and go with it, but to plunge into it head-first doing a swan dive, decked out in orange bell bottoms and a striped velvet shirt is totally insane. You can love to be fashionable, but to become a fashion victim at your own hands

should be illegal.

Don't you own a mirror? Can't you see how foolish you look? Trust me: it's pretty bad.

White lipstick? Yes, you. What would ever possess a person to want to wear white lipstick — that is, unless you're aiming to resemble a corpse.

Is there an exorcist in the house?

I'm not saying that we need to go back to the preppy "Alex P. Keaton" look of the '80s. There's more to life than covering your body with labels from head to toe (a-hem "Tommy Hilfiger" and "Ralph Lauren") — you can't *buy* an identity. But let's practice a little bit of clear thinking next time the stores at the mall or even *Cosmopolitan* tells us what's in style.

I can't help but wonder if half of what is called "style" is just simply a joke, aimed at poor senseless Midwesterners who can't decide what to wear.

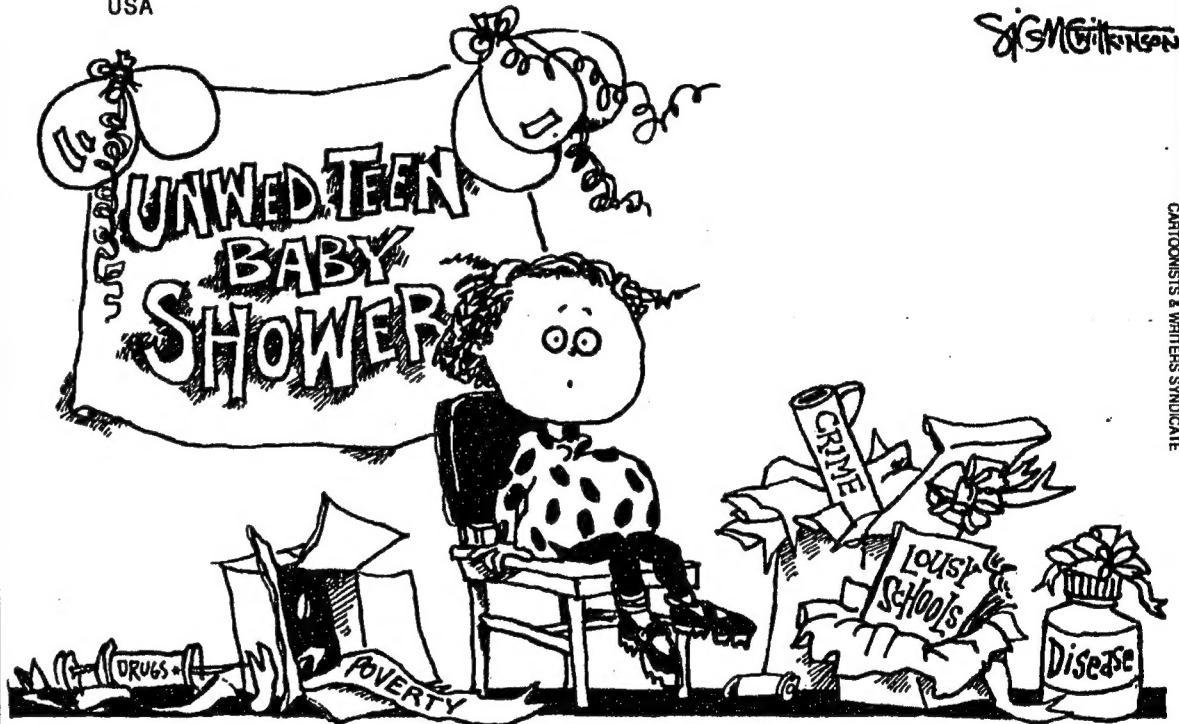
But I confess, I am certainly not perfect. I'm working on it — I have a pair of boots (not thigh-high, for God's sake!) that my dad *sweats* resemble a pair worn by Sonny Bono. But I don't care... "I got you, babe."

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education major

"I figured that's what they were going to do. Because in the first trial the majority thought he was innocent. Now the other half are satisfied."



Jennifer Voelker
Sophomore, undecided
major

"I guess I kind of figured he'd end up paying damages. I didn't know if he'd pay damages to the Goldmans. But I knew he definitely would to the Browns."



Carlos Mejia
Freshman, undecided
major

"I don't really care about it. It's over with a long time ago. It's not affecting my life."



Goose Flores
Freshman, undecided
major

"I seriously think they're making a big thing over O.J. Simpson as a race thing when it's really a money thing. Black or white, it's a money and moral thing."

SPORTS

Basketball Teams Key On Opponents

BY JONATHAN PELPHREY

This weekend the men's and women's basketball teams face close competition as they try to stay in the hunt for post-season action. North Central Conference foes Augustana and South Dakota State (SDSU) stand in the way of the Mavericks' designs. The Augustana Vikings visit the UNO Fieldhouse Friday and the Jackrabbits of SDSU face the Mavs on Saturday.

Mavs On the Rebound?

The men's team is coming off a disappointing weekend in Minnesota where they blew a six-point lead against Mankato State in the final minutes of the game.

UNO, now 4-7 in the NCC, will square-off with Augustana at 8 p.m. in a battle to see who carries momentum into the end of the season. Augustana sits at 4-6 in conference play.

On Saturday the Mavs face SDSU, a team they upset Jan. 12, in Brookings, S.D. The Jackrabbits hold a 7-3 conference mark, and are a half-game behind NCC leader Mankato State.

Probable starters for the Mavs are Danny McLarty, Troy Kloewer, Shadric Thomas, Robert Green, and

Charles Thompson.

Lady Mavs Look For Opening

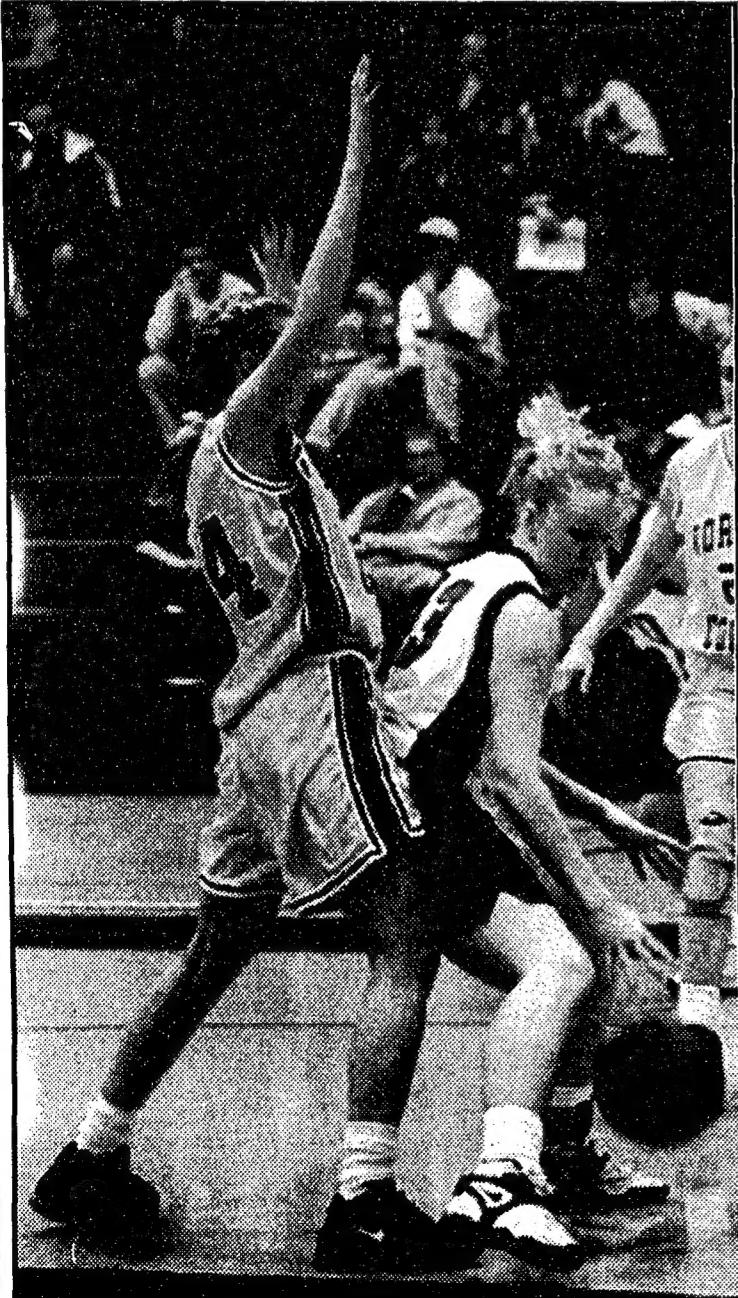
The Lady Mavs could take a big step toward controlling their own destiny this weekend. Friday's game will feature two teams with nearly identical conference records. Augustana brings a 7-3 NCC record into the Fieldhouse at 6 p.m. to face the 7-4 Lady Mavs. UNO lost their last meeting.

Saturday's game looks to be much the same for the Lady Mavs. SDSU enters the weekend with a 6-4 record and a 14-5 overall record, the same as UNO. The Lady Mavs beat SDSU in double overtime last time they met.

Probable starters for the Lady Mavs are Jacinda Van Fossen, Amy Breen, Stacie Kaiser, Jill Ohm, and Katie Welsh.

Charles Thompson (55 in photo at right) makes the easy lay-up for the Mavs. After a pair of disappointing losses last weekend in Minnesota, the Mavs will be looking to add a few wins against Augustana and South Dakota State this weekend in the Fieldhouse.

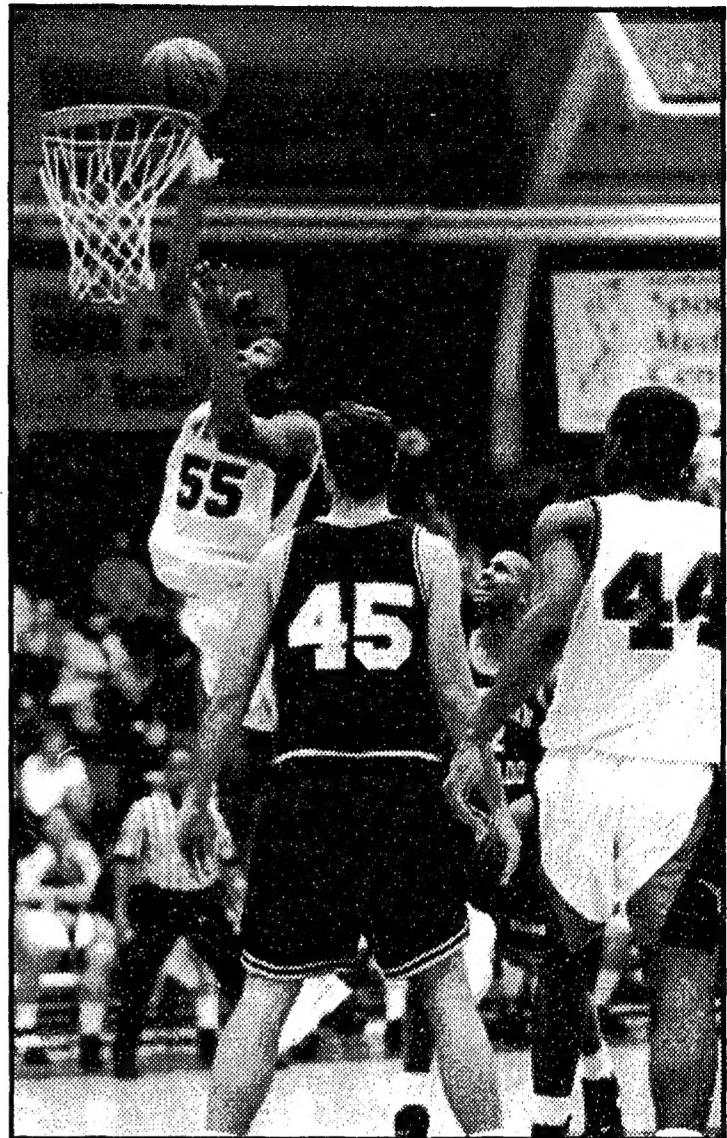
Sarah Larson keeps the ball safe for the Lady Mavs. The Lady Mavs will face Augustana and South Dakota State this weekend in the UNO Fieldhouse.



- Chad Greene

"I think every person on that list has the ability to contribute right away. Now whether they will or not is a different story...that's more up to them than it is up to us."

--UNO Head Football Coach
Pat Behrns



- Jason Young

Sports Schedule

What

Wrestling



vs. St. Cloud State/SW Minnesota

Saturday, Feb 8th, 2p.m. St. Cloud State

Track



Friday & Saturday, Feb. 8-9th, 10a.m. UNL

Women's Basketball vs. Augustana

Friday, Feb. 7th, 6p.m. Fieldhouse

Women's Basketball vs. S. Dakota State

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 6p.m. Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Augustana

Friday, Feb. 7th, 8:05p.m. Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. S. Dakota State

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 8:05p.m. Fieldhouse

Mav Football Signs Nine

BY JONATHAN PELPHREY

Maverick fans may see a few new faces when the football team takes the field next year. UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns announced Wednesday that nine high school football players have signed national letters of intent to attend UNO and play for the Mavs.

Behrns said that, although the quantity of players is nothing like it has been in recent years, the quality of these players has him excited.

"I think the big thing about our recruiting this year is we got some really exciting players," he said. "We went after, obviously, less numbers than you normally go after. But I think we got a great group of quality players this year."

Last year the Mavs signed 24 players. The year before, 36 players signed with UNO. In addition, the Mavs lost only eight seniors from last year's team. When all this is added up, said Behrns, it means there aren't as many scholarships to go around.

"We only had four scholarships to recruit on this year so, actually, signing what we signed on the amount of money that we had, we did pretty well," he said.

The nine new players (six from Nebraska and three from out-of-state) were recruited with specific needs in mind, according to Behrns. He said those needs included a punt returner, a long-snapper, a quarterback, a tailback, and an outside linebacker. "I think we addressed our needs very well," he said.

Vong Xaykosy (pronounced See-kuh-see) and Seth Turman are both capable of making an impact as punt returners, according to Behrns. Xaykosy was a kick returner and running back in high school where he set school records in single-season scoring and rushing. Turman, younger brother of University of Nebraska-Lincoln quarterback Matt Turman, set school records for career and season passing yards while playing quarterback in Wahoo, Neb.

Behrns said he is looking for Cory Eikmeier and Matt Beachey to contribute at the tailback position. Beachey was listed as a Top 25 prospect in Illinois by the *Chicago Tribune*. Eikmeier scored 156 touchdowns and ran for 8,330 yards

during his high school career, both all-class state records in Nebraska.

Nicholas Puetz should help the Mavs in the long snapper department. He earned first team all-state honors at Columbus Scotus High School.

Along with Turman, Kyle Hingst will join the Mavs competing for a quarterback spot. He also set school records for passing yards in a season and in a career.

At the outside linebacker position, look for Keith Bell, Mike Comer, and Ryan Hoffman to vie for playing time. Bell played for Omaha Benson and earned all-division honors. Comer earned all-class all-state honors at Omaha Creighton Prep. Hoffman earned all-area honors in football, basketball and track.

"I think every person on that list has the ability to contribute right away," Behrns said. "Now whether they will or not is a different story. I think that's probably more up to them than it is up to us."

Behrns said he did not think the Mavs' performance last year had as big an impact on recruiting as some might think.

"It had positive impact, there's no question," he said. "A lot of people know about us, know what we're doing. But I do not believe that swung the pendulum to where we got the kind of kids we're getting."

"Recruiting is very difficult, win or lose, and it doesn't make it easier just because you win. Our coaches have done a good job of staying with the process that brought good players here before," Behrns said.

Volleyball Team Signs 'Dynamic' Ankeny to Hit for Lady Mavs

BY JONATHAN PELPHREY

The defending Division II volleyball national champions will have at least one new face next year. Lady Mav Head Coach Rose Shires announced Wednesday that outside hitter Tracy Ankeny has signed a national letter of intent to attend UNO this fall and play volleyball for the Lady Mavs.

Ankeny, who attends Laurel-Concord High School and lives in Dixon, Neb., is a four-time Class C-2 all-state volleyball selection. While leading her team to a C-2 state championship in 1996 and a runner-up finish in 1995, she earned a spot on the all-tournament teams both years. In addition, Ankeny earned first team all-American honors at the 1995 United States Junior Olympics. "The reason we recruited this kid is because she's a very powerful, dynamic individual," Shires said.

Shires said she believes Ankeny can have an immediate impact on the program. She praised her work ethic and competitive desire, while noting that her existing skills could make her a challenger for playing time as a freshman.

"She has the ability, even as a high school player, to get some things done when she comes into college," she said. "She's going to be one of the better passers and defensive players on the team."

Ankeny attracted the attention of both Division I and Division II schools, according to Shires. She said some Division I schools like Nebraska-Lincoln may have shied away from her because she's only 5 feet 9 inches tall. But Shires said her leaping ability more than makes up for her height. "When she's in the air, she plays like she's 6 feet tall."

Ankeny said the attitude the Lady Mavs exhibit played a big part in convincing her to choose UNO over other schools. "I thought the coaches were excellent. And when I met the team they seemed really motivated," she said. "When I visited other places they were just, like, 'I can't wait till the season's over.' But these guys (the Lady Mavs) were always pumped up."

Ankeny said she thinks she can improve her game a lot at UNO. "I really need to work on blocking," she said.

"I hope I can come in and make an impact right away," she said, "but if I don't, I know I still have to work hard, just to fight for that position and make everybody work harder."

Shires said she was very pleased to get Ankeny to come to UNO. "She's definitely a Division I-level player," she said. "We're extremely fortunate that she's coming to UNO."

Shires said recruiting efforts for next year are going very well overall. Besides Ankeny, the Lady Mavs hope to sign three more athletes this month, including one setter and two inside hitters.

The Lady Mavs lost just one starter from last year's squad, all-American setter Amy Steffel.

Lady Mavs Compete in UNL Invite

Some members of the women's track team will compete this weekend in the Frank Sevigne Invitational hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Athletes must qualify for the meet on an individual basis. Lady Mavs who did not qualify competed in the Nebraska Wesleyan Open, held yesterday.

Qualifiers included:

Tara Biltuft and Elise Henry, one mile run; Jami Brown, 800-meter run; Carri Butler and Tunisia Ellis, 60-meter dash; Jaime Erkes, 60-meter hurdles; Sandy Derby, high jump; Theresa Williams, shot put; the team of Butler, Derby, Katie McDonnell, and Kelly Koziol in the 4x400 relay; and the team of Brown, Ellis, Henry, and Biltuft in the distance medley relay.

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"A" League		
Sig Eps	0	1
Pikes	1	0
Theta Chi	0	0
Lambda Chi	0	1
Bombsquad	1	0
Wednesday "B" League		
Team Black	1	0
F's Hoopsters	0	1
Razorbacks	0	0
Morris 2	1	0
Shepherders	0	1
Sunday "A" League Green Pool		
Not TKE	0	1
Just Play	1	0
Bluechips	0	1
Conn	1	0
Sunday "A" League Red Pool		
Suavehouse	0	1
The Moors	1	0
Garnetite	0	1
Team K-Mart	1	0

6x6 VOLLEYBALL

Sunday "B" League	Wins	Losses
A.L.A.S.	0	1
Unknowns	1	0
B-Ware	0	1
WRT	1	0
Critser	1	0
Cool	0	1
Sunday Frat "A" League	Wins	Losses
Pikes	1	0
Shepherders	0	1
Theta Chi	1	0
Lambda Chi	0	1
Sunday Co-Rec League	Wins	Losses
Sideout	1	0
Side In	0	1
Burnt Out	0	1
Misfits	1	0
Spiked Punch	1	0
Spikers	0	1
6x6 INDOOR SOCCER	Wins	Losses
Men's League		
Heroes	1	0
JFC	0	1
Free Agents	1	0
Red Raiders	0	1

Co-Rec League

Co-Rec League	Wins	Losses
Corona	0	1
Sab	1	0
Big Round Balls	1	0
Zeta Chi	0	1
RAQUETBALL	Wins	Losses
Eberhardt	0	1
Martineau	1	0
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Mueller	0	1
Goracke	0	0
Monday "A" League	Wins	Losses
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Collins	1	0
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Monday "B" League	Wins	Losses

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